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## U.S. agents pressuring Bangla Desh

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(By airmail) — The U.S. is reportedly using the case of Bangla Desh leader Mujibur Rahman, now under so-called trial in West Pakistan, as a bait to blackmail the leaders of the Bangla Desh Government. Iran is the go-between, and its representatives have already contacted Bangla Desh representatives for a "settlement."

The main proposal is that Bangla Desh give up its claim for "independence." Bangla Desh leaders argue such a compromise would amount to a betrayal to the cause for which so much blood has been shed, especially when the freedom fighters are dealing heavy blows against the military junta. Mujibur Rahman himself has declared that if necessary a free Bangla Desh "will rise on his dead body."

Several U.S. organizations have become active among the intellectuals who have fled from Bangla Desh and taken shelter in India. One such organization, the International Rescue Committee, headed by Mrs. Oswald Lord, is reported to be spending some \$24,000 per month. It is already paying handsome "allowances" to some 55 intellectuals from Bangla Desh "for research work" and to 10 artists "for holding exhibitions."

This organization was active among the Cuban counter-revolutionaries and also among emigre Hungarians. Mrs. Lord is known to have links with the CIA.

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